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Following is follow-up to BLN 751.

At 1531Z the POV crossed Check Point under armed guard consisting of 4T vehicle in front and two behind both with armed personnel and three armed soldiers on foot on either side.

At 1532Z probe passed through traffic baffles. Truck with estimated one squad VOPO's pulled out behind probe and followed.

At 1533Z probe turned around and began return to West Berlin with VOPO truck following.

At 1535Z POV and escort returned to West Berlin without incident.

Six to eight VOPO trucks observed from air at 1534Z moving along Unter Den Linden towards Marx Engels Platz.

During period approximately 150 East Germans had assembled approximately five blocks north of crossing point while one block south of crossing point about 200 West Berliners watched the operation.

At 1600Z seven Soviet tanks at Check Point on East Berlin side.

At 1607Z there are seven Soviet tanks north of traffic maze and three on the way with drivers in black (Soviet) observed from air.

US Task Force returning to Check Point. The force had been dismissed after successful return of probe to Check Point.

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